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TO SHANTUNG ISSUEDr. Iyenaga Says China and
Japan Are Nearing an
Agreement.

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Tokio Will Explain Restora-
tion Plan—Warns Against
Attacks in U. S.

Japan and China rapidly are nearing an understanding with regard to Kiaochow, and the Japanese Government soon will respond to President Wilson's request with a formal declaration of the time and method of restoring the former German base to China, in the opinion of Dr. T. Iyenaga, who has been considered the unofficial but authoritative spokesman for the Japanese Government in New York.

Dr. Iyenaga's statement was prompted by the receipt of news from Tokyo yesterday to the effect that the Government already had given a statement of its position to the press and the report that an official declaration will follow. Irrespective of what eventually happens to the treaty of Versailles, Dr. Iyenaga points out, its Shantung settlement is assured to Japan by her still existing treaties with England, France, Italy, Russia and China, the terms of which the Versailles treaty follows exactly.

"As to the restoration of Kiaochow to China," Dr. Iyenaga said, "the pledge to the same effect has so many times been made by Japan's statesmen and her representatives at Paris and Washington that I wonder whether its restoration at the present moment will do any good. I entertain no doubt that the Tokyo Government will be ready to accede to the wishes of President Wilson, if he

Japan Denies Design
on Shantung Territory

TOKIO, via London, Aug. 5.—Viscount Uchida, the Japanese Foreign Minister, in a statement issued to-day declares that Japan does not intend to claim any rights affecting the territorial sovereignty of China in Shantung. He promises that the Japanese troops will be withdrawn immediately an agreement is concluded with China.

Japan, moreover, the Foreign Minister's statement adds, is considering the establishment at Tsingtao of a general foreign settlement instead of a purely Japanese settlement.

Viscount Uchida begins his statement by saying that it appears despite the official statement in Paris, May 5, which he fully endorsed, and a subsequent interview given by him to the press, Japan's policy with regard to Shantung was little understood or appreciated abroad.

The Foreign Minister then recalls that Japan by an ultimatum in August, 1914, demanded the surrender by Germany of the entire leased territory of Kiaochow, without condition or compensation, within a month with a view to its eventual restoration to China.

deemed that such a declaration would go to reassure the American people.

"Before learning the contents and nature of the announcement, we are, of course, in no position to say anything about it. I have, however, been wondering whether a declaration of a specific nature, giving the exact date and way whereby the restoration of Kiaochow will be effected—the kind of declaration that would meet the situation—could be made so long as China refuses to sign the peace treaty. The actual execution of the contract cannot proceed

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"The world has a short memory of the past," Dr. Iyenaga began his statement, and then proceeded to review the part Japan played in the war from the time she entered it in pursuance of the Anglo-Japanese treaty up to the peace conference. He recalls that on one stroke Japan wiped out the German base at Kiaochow making impossible German operations in the Far East, and that after that she patrolled the South Pacific, the Indian Ocean and part of the Mediterranean, thus freeing great allied fleets that might otherwise have been diverted thither to the "Joy of Von Tirpitz and his tribe."

Reviews Japan's Help in War.

He says that Japan effectively prevented all German inroads in the Far East, with its possible extension into the Straits Settlements, Siberia and India, and conveyed the Australian and New Zealand troops to Europe.

"Imagine," he says, "the status in the Far East had the Japanese army and navy not been mobilized and active."

Japanese troops were not on the battlefields as the result of a decision which was not wholly Japan's own, he says, and explains that Japan participated in the allied effort through participation in loans and otherwise to the best of her ability.

Precautionary treaties with the allied powers were entered into, he says, because of the bitter experience at the end of the China-Japan war of 1895, when Japan was robbed of the best fruits of her victory by the machinations of "certain European powers." Hence, he says, the Japanese treaties with England, France, Italy and Russia in 1917 and the treaties with China in 1915 and 1918. These treaties, he says, are the exact substantial basis of Articles 156, 157 and 158 of the treaty of Versailles.

"So long, therefore," Dr. Iyenaga reasons, "as no other treaties stand about it, I have, however, been wondering whether a declaration of a specific nature, giving the exact date and way whereby the restoration of Kiaochow will be effected—the kind of declaration that would meet the situation—could be made so long as China refuses to sign the peace treaty. The actual execution of the contract cannot proceed

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wrong thus recognized? Simply because it had to be done to save the league.

"President Wilson wanted the league. It was the sole object of his going to France, and for it he was and is willing to make great sacrifices of either foreign rights or American independence. Japan, seeing his attitude, took advantage of him and forced him to endorse this wrong to China by the threat that if it were not done she would withdraw from the conference and would decline to ratify the league. And he yielded and is now endeavoring to have our nation ratify this treaty and condone this wrong. Japan coerced him into that concession. That country sold her signature for the liberties of 16,000,000 of human beings, and Wilson, Lloyd George and Clemenceau approved the bargain and ratified the sale.

"The most remarkable, the most indefensible feature of this entire transaction is that, as a result of a war said to have been waged to make the world safe for democracy, we enforce the spoliation of the only republic in the Orient, we ratify the previous robbery of a friendly people by the nation we went to war to overthrow for just such acts, and we turn the result of the larceny over to the most autocratic Government that now exists on earth, the counterpart of Germany in 1917.

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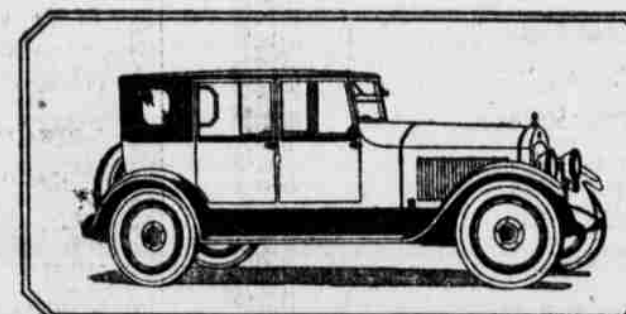
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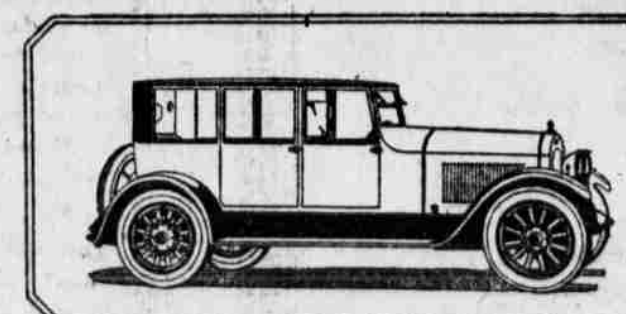
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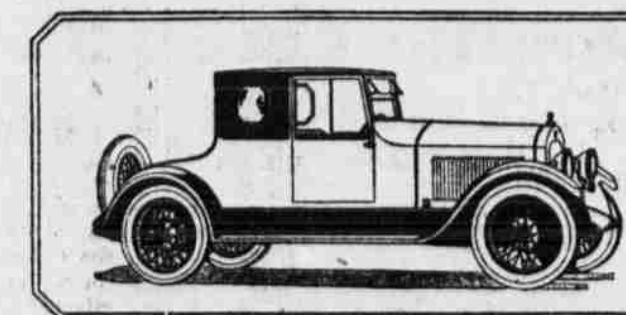
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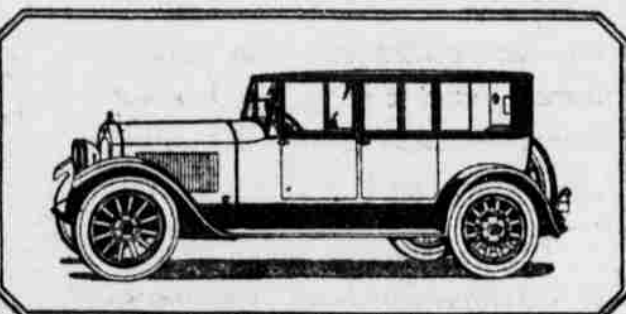
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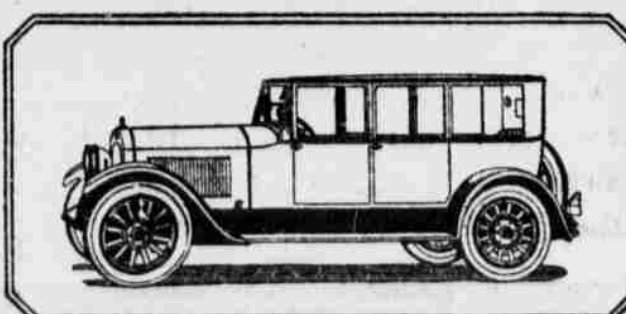
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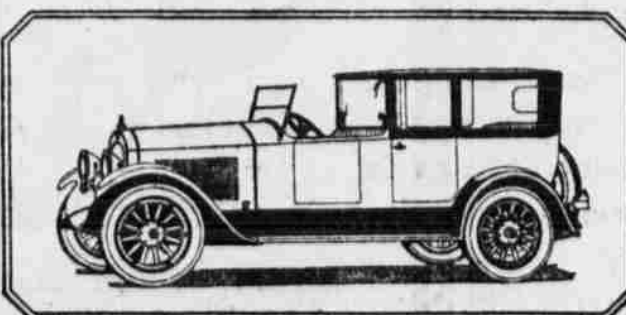
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every nation whose representatives sat around the table at the peace conference and sanctioned this—every one of them—had a treaty with China to protect the territorial integrity of her empire.

"I believe that the secret treaty made by Japan with the Allies in 1917 should not be contained by them or by us at this time, because it rests on wrong and is established on fraud. It was fraud on China, because by the terms of that understanding Japan got China into the war. And this secret treaty was as well a fraud on our Government as when the Lansing-Ishii agreement in

1917 the United States recognized that Japan has special interests in China, naming Japan as the ally who would be the ally with the Allies by the terms of which she was to hold Shantung after the war.

"I do not believe that the treaty should be ratified unless and until Japan either withdraws from China or states in unequivocal terms that she will withdraw, or better still, fixes a definite date of withdrawal; for I believe this to be as monstrous a proposition as has ever been proposed to civilization."

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